

Message

From: Hough, Palmer [Hough.Palmer@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/12/2020 6:39:24 PM
To: Goodin, John [Goodin.John@epa.gov]
CC: Frazer, Brian [Frazer.Brian@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Russell [Kaiser.Russell@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: update on Pebble FEIS letter

Importance: High

Deliberative

I just got additional feedback from R10 on next steps. They will not be able to send a complete copy of the revised letter for OWOW review prior to sending it up the leadership chain on Friday **BUT** I have the pen on the 404 paragraph below from the cover letter and the entire Aquatic Resources sections of the detailed comments (e.g., wetlands, streams, fish, compensatory mitigation sections) and I can vet the final version of these parts of the letter with you all before they go to R10 for incorporation in the letter.

So you will be able to review the sections of the letter most directly related to 404 and see where they fit into the rest of the letter but I will not have the final language for the rest of the letter.

My plan is to get my parts of the letter (described above) to you later today (could be late) and would need your turn around by early tomorrow AM.

Will this work?

Thanks, Palmer

From: Hough, Palmer
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:39 AM
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Speaking of the draft cover letter, the last substantive paragraph of it has been revised since you saw it on Monday AM and since we suggested adding a new final sentence to it. Below is the latest version of the last substantive paragraph from the cover letter.

Thoughts?

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From: Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>
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DELIBERATIVE

Thanks, Palmer — I may raise this afternoon whether there is any utility in at least having the draft cover letter available for tomorrow, though if just one more day for the whole thing, maybe not necessary.
John

On Aug 12, 2020, at 11:08 AM, Hough, Palmer <Hough.Palmer@epa.gov> wrote:

Folks

Just wanted to provide an update so that you know where we are in the process.

- HQ comments on the draft FEIS letter were due yesterday by COB.
- Today, R10 is working through those comments – thus far they seem manageable.
- Career leaders will receive an update at our 2 PM meeting today.
- For tomorrow's RA-AA level briefing, they will **NOT** have a copy of the draft letter yet. They will only have the briefing doc (see attached for draft of that briefing doc, this briefing doc is currently under review by the team. I've been working to address comments from Heidi on this).
- The RA is scheduled to send the draft FEIS letter to AAs on Friday (likely late), so we will have another shot at reviewing the revised draft letter before it goes to AAs.

Please let me know if you have any questions at this point.

-Palmer

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